

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR:	WHEEL LIFT THAT MAY BE RAPIDLY DISASSEMBLED AND CONVERTED	Attorney Docket No.: 10022

SECOND DECLARATION OF JEAN PAUL CRAZE

I declare as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the above-referenced application. I am over 21 years of age and am competent to testify to the following. All statements in this declaration made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I have been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

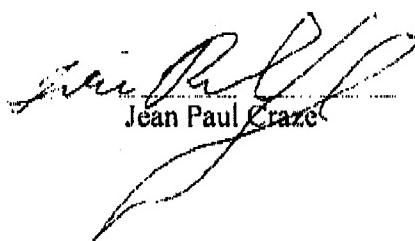
2. I have carefully reviewed the Peterson patent cited by the Examiner in this case. FIGURES 9-10 of Peterson show completely different "wheel lift" and "J-hook" embodiments, respectively, each using an overhead tow sling. There is no indication in Peterson that the sling/wheel lift apparatus shown in FIGURE 9 may be disassembled at all, let alone that it may be replaced with the sling/J-hook apparatus of FIGURE 10, and certainly not rapidly in the field. The Peterson sling adds another layer of complexity to the Peterson device, making it more difficult to disassemble and certainly not enabling rapid field disassembly.

3. I have compared the total time in the field necessary to decouple my wheel

lifts and replace them with another towing attachment, a tow bar, when using (a) my invention, a Miller 807R; and (b) a conventional autoloader, the Jerr-Dan/Weld-Built autoloader. Three (3) time trials were performed for each of the Miller and Jerr-Dan/Weld-Built units. The average total time required for disassembly of the Miller unit and replacement with the tow bar was about 1 minute, and no use of tools was required. In contrast, the average total time required for disassembly of the Jerr-Dan/Weld-Built unit and replacement with the tow bar was about 22 minutes, and this required the use of several tools for the disassembly, including several different wrenches. The same operator performed the disassembly of the wheel lifts and replacement with the tow bar.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: October 29, 2007


Jean Paul Craze